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March 9, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ  
 The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER  
 The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY  
 The Director of Central Intelligence

GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, JR.  
 The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

THE HONORABLE DAVID A. STOCKMAN  
 The Director of Office of Management and Budget

SUBJECT: Implementation of Actions Called for in  
 National Security Decision Directive 82 (NSDD-82)  
 (S)

The President has reviewed the issues raised at today's meeting. He has agreed that we must present a comprehensive regional economic and military assistance package for Central America. He has taken the following decisions based on the advice of the addressees and in consideration of Congressional/fiscal constraints: (S)

- A resource package will be forwarded to the Congress to fund a revitalized economic and security program for Central America. This package will consist of:
  - Reprogrammed, already appropriated FY 83 monies.
  - Amendments to the FY 83 foreign assistance supplemental, pending before the Congress; and
  - New monies added to the pending foreign assistance supplemental request.
- The overall package will be submitted in two parts:
  - (1) Immediate reprogramming, to be sent to the Congress on March 10, and (2) a follow-on request. The time-urgent reprogramming request will consist of:
    - \$60M in FY 83 FMSCR reprogrammed to El Salvador from funds currently appropriated under the 2nd Continuing Resolution.

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- \$103M in FY 83 economic assistance, reprogrammed to El Salvador (\$67.1M), Costa Rica (\$30.1M), Honduras (\$4.1M), and Belize (\$1.7M).
- o The follow-on economic and military assistance request, to be submitted in the near future, will consist of \$135M in both new money and a reallocation of the pending FY 83 Foreign Assistance Supplemental.
- \$85M in new money will consist of \$20M in military assistance for the region and \$65M in regional economic assistance.
- The pending FY 83 Supplemental request will be reallocated to provide \$50M in MAP funds to El Salvador.

Public Affairs Guidance:

On March 10, 1983, the President will announce in a public address that this package is a logical mix of assistance, both economic and military; that this is essential to our own national interests and our policy objectives in the area. He will note that these resources are critical to further the development of democratic governments, strong economies, and to protect them in their struggle against Soviet-Cuban supported insurgency and totalitarianism. (U)

The Central America Working Group will develop and disseminate a legislative and public affairs action plan to govern implementation. (S)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:



William P. Clark

cc: The Honorable John R. Block  
The Secretary of Agriculture

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